(a) when was the latest survey conducted by Government after 1981 to ascertain the total number of disabled persons in the country ;

(b) whether Government have any proposal o carry out a fresh survey to ascertain the total number of disabled persons in the country at present;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : (a) The latest sample survey was conducted by the National Sample Survey Organisation from July—December, 1991.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Doesn't arise.

'(d) In view of the report of National Sample Survey Organisation there is no need to carry out a fresh survey.

New Scheme for the Welfare of Street Children

1814. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether his Ministry has launched a new scheme for the Welfare of Street Chil. dren in the country ; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons and details of unimplementation of the scheme till date ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITA RAM KESRI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Initially, the scheme was to be implemented in 11 cities, viz Delhi, Calcutta, Madras, Bombay, Pune, Nagpur, Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Lucknow and Kan-pur. It was proposed to set up 41 centres in the above 11 cities. Out of these, 35 centres have already been set up benefitting 10,500 street children. Grant-in-Aid proposal for additional two NGOs has been sanctioned. The Government have also decided to extend the scheme to all the state capitals.

The main objective of the scheme is to provide Integrated Community based non-institutional basic services for the care, protection and development of street children facing destitution, neglect, abuse and exploitation. The scheme is operated through NGOs.

Provision of Old Age Pension for Aged

1815. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether all the State Governments/ Union Territories administrations are providing Old age pension to the destitute aged population in the country and also maintaining old age homes for them ;

(b) if so, the details thereof with State/Union Territory-wise figures ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITA RAM KESRI) : (a) and (b) A statement indicating old age pension being provided by the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations is attached *(See* below) (state" ment No. I). As per the Central Scheme for assistance to voluntary organisations for programmes relating to Aged, the voluntary organisations are given 90% grant-in-aid for running Old Age Homes. (Statement-II. indicates the number of Old Age Homes set up under the scheme State-wise/U.T. wise)

Statement—I

Statement Showing State-wise Rates of Old Age Pensions being Provided to the Aged

S. No.	State /U.T.	Rate of Pension Per month (In Rs.)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	. 60/-